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1. Pierrette NEETENS was born in Paris, 26 December 1916, of a naturalized French father of Belgian origin and a Dutch mother. She married Claude BERTRAND in November 1939. She has a diploma of science and literature and, in addition, completed two years of medical studies for which she received a teachers certificate as a psychoanalyst and teacher of abnormal children. She did most of her work at the Sorbonne and has been self-supporting since she was 18 years of age. She married BERTRAND during the war but has never lived with him.

2. During the war she was teaching in the outskirts of Paris and helped to conceal French, Americans, English and Poles who were escaping the Germans. In May 1943 she went to Source's apartment to save some documents when Source was being sought by the Germans. The apartment was watched and Mme. BERTRAND was forced to flee from Paris as a result. She went to Grenoble where she joined the Polish group. On 29 August 1943 she was brought into Switzerland by the Polish Lt. Stanislas OPIELA. The Swiss were about to refuse her the right of asylum as a French citizen when Source intervened with the consent of Alexander GLADOS, then Polish Minister to Bern. Mme. BERTRAND was introduced into Switzerland as C-3's wife and she remained as such until 13 April 1946. She was supported by the Polish Legation and did volunteer work for the Swiss Red Cross aid to children.

3. About the time of the German capitulation she met Michel KEDIA and became his mistress. In April 1946 she left Switzerland, still travelling as C-3's wife and returned immediately under her own name in order to live with KEDIA. October 1946 she left again for Paris to take up a teaching position, but left that to return to Geneva in March 1947.

4. KEDIA has used Mme. BERTRAND as a courier between Geneva and Paris. Between October 1946 and September 1947 she made seventeen

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trips for him. In Paris she saw KEDIA's wife, KEDIA's cousin KOBAKIDZE, and EGGY, chauffeur for the Cuban Legation. She reports that the papers she carried were always written in Georgian which she cannot read.

5. Although Mme. BERTRAND has given Source to believe that she is trying to break off her relationship with KEDIA, she has not done so to date. KEDIA is urging her to get a position with the ONU or ILO in Geneva where she would be of considerable use to him. The reason for this maneuver is apparently to aid KEDIA in obtaining an "Emerson" passport which is issued upon the recommendation of the IRO by the country where a stateless person resides. This passport enables the stateless person to travel and to return to the country which issued the passport without having to have a return visa. The passport is valid for two years. At present KEDIA is a political refugee without any papers and is not allowed to leave the Canton of Geneva.

6. KEDIA is most anxious to make a trip to Spain to confer with Eugen LANG and the Georgian Dato IMNAISCHVILI. The latter, according to Mme. BERTRAND, is very active and during the last six months has visited London, Damascus, Jerusalem and Istanbul. Also to be present at the conference in Spain are: BERIDZE, Eugen LANG, RAMICHVILI, Professor von RENDE, ENGELHAUPT, ALSCHIBAJA (TZOMAJA), IVANITSEKI-INGUILO and a representative from Paris. KEDIA is not certain who the latter will be. On the 26th of December KEDIA talked with LANG in Barcelona by telephone. LANG told him to obtain a passport in another name. Grégoire BERIDZE and LANG have promised KEDIA a Spanish visa of indefinite length if he can procure the necessary passport to leave Switzerland. KEDIA does not want to leave Switzerland permanently and therefore is trying to get papers which will enable him to maintain Switzerland as his base.

6. Attached is a copy of a letter which Mme. BERTRAND typed for KEDIA. When she asked about the identity of the EMILE to whom the letter is addressed, KEDIA evaded the question by saying EMILE was a friend of his and of BERIDZE. The letter was carried to Paris by TARASSENKO, Ukrainian of 45/50 years, who is now a private chauffeur in Paris. TARASSENKO has been carrying on the courier service between Paris and Geneva during EGGY's illness. TARASSENKO brought letters for KEDIA as well as some foreign currency to be deposited to DJAMILIAN's account. He spent Christmas week in Geneva.

Field Comment: It was suggested to Source when he originally reported on Mme. BERTRAND that she be used to penetrate more deeply into the Georgian activities in Geneva. After several reports on

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her, it has seemed impracticable to push the matter for two reasons:

- a) Source's obvious emotional attachment to Mme. BERTRAND and hers to KEDIA.
- b) Lack of information as to whether Mme. BERTRAND may be working for the FIS or still for the Polish IS.

We would appreciate any information on Mme. BERTRAND's war-time activity and possible traces on her connections with the FIS today. The French are still very much interested in BERIDZE;

*noted* [ ] has, upon several occasions, asked if we had any information on him. Therefore it is possible that BERTRAND is already being used by the FIS to keep track of BERIDZE and KEDIA.

As is evident from the letter, KEDIA is keeping his contacts in Turkey alive through his friend MENAGARI. We should also like traces on the latter and his activities in Turkey.

### Traces:

BERIDZE, Georges: MSB-1316, MSBA-274, WEL-4418

EGGY: / MSB-1314

ENGELHAUPT (or HENGELHAUPT): Probably id/w Erich HENGELHAUPT, Chief of Referat VI/C/Z (Zeppelin Referat) at one time and reported to be KEDIA's closest contact in that Referat. Reported to have fled to Switzerland with KEDIA at the time of the German defeat. See also MGH-003-529 and HEID-938.

KEDIA, Michel: MSB-1017, 1688, 1309, 1316, 1314.

KOBALIDZE: MSBA-274, MSB-1316

LANG, Eugen: MSBA-274, MSB-1316

MENDE, von: Member of the KEDIA group. Reported by KEDIA in January 1946 to be working under the name of Georges METREVELLI in Munich for the Americans.

OPIELA, Lt. Stanislas: One of the Polish heroes of the French campaign of 1940 who was interned in Switzerland. During the war he worked for CHOYNACKI and crossed the French frontier more than 200 times black.

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Texte d'une lettre que Kédia a dicté à B. et que celle-ci nous a communiqué.

Cher Emile,

voici les renseignements que notre ami Grégoire\* me prie de vous communiquer :

Je possède actuellement 17 hommes à Istanbul, dont 9 y sont depuis mon dernier voyage là-bas. Mon principal représentant s'appelle Sandro Menagari, il avait été jusqu'en 1939 le secrétaire de notre centre national à Paris, arrêté par la Gestapo c'est moi qui l'ai fait libérer de sorte qu'il me doit tout et nous est tout à fait dévoué. Son principal adjoint s'appelle Alexandre Kankewa, qui est avec moi depuis 1930. Je l'avais fait parachuté en 1942 en Géorgie, il en est revenu en juin 1946. C'est lui qui a organisé notre contact permanent avec le pays, de sorte que c'est lui l'homme de confiance qui pourra vous être le plus utile là-bas. C'est lui également qui réorganise la base financière de nos hommes, car vous savez par Grischa que Menagari avait confié la plupart de nos fonds à Ruslan mort dernièrement et qui n'était pas de toute confiance. Menagari est très contris de s'être laissé roulé par Ruslan. Il est cependant de toute confiance et il est le chef de notre organisation.

Grischa vous a communiqué les noms de ses amis\*\*\*. Voici les noms de mes amis qui sont aussi ceux de Menagari. Il pourra vous mener chez eux :

1. Nadji bei - chef du SR militaire turc, à l'époque où j'étais à Istanbul.
2. Colonel Djelal Bei - chef du SR pour la Turquie occidentale, mon ami et celui du professeur\*\*\*\*.
3. Colonel Temar bei - adjoint du précédent. C'est un Montagnard du Caucase qui nous était autrefois très dévoué, mais qui était un ami de Ruslan, et qui ne répond plus à mes lettres. Renseignez-vous auprès de Menagari sur sa position actuelle.
4. Général Nuri Pacha - frère d'Enver Pacha. Homme anti-bolchévique par excellence, était aussi notre ami. Il fait des affaires avec Abbas\*\*\*\* et en faisait avec Tulat. Se renseigner aussi auprès de Menagari.
5. Général Erkillet.
6. Krim Djefar Akhmét - un des piliers de notre système là-bas.
7. Hermann Böhler - mon ami, l'homme de Mende là-bas.

Menagari vous donnera tous les détails de vive voix sur notre système, qui est une organisation de combat, active, prête à tout moment à entrer en action et connaissant tous les chemins.

Il faudra que vous arriviez avec grand appui des amis de Grischa et les moyens matériels et vous pouvez faire tout ce que nous souhaitons.

J'espère que vous n'allez plus différer votre voyage, car Grischa a raison de penser qu'il est indispensable.

Je vous salue tous les deux avec beaucoup d'amitiés et à la prochaine

vosre Micha

Samedi, 27 décembre 1947

ENCLOSURE

\* Grégoire et Grischa = Bérédzé.

\*\* Ruslan = Ruslan bey Tulat, mort en avion à Athènes en octobre.

\*\*\* Amis de Grischa = les Anglais.

\*\*\*\* Professeur = professeur von Mende.

\*\*\*\*\* Abbas bey Atamalibekoff, chef azerbejdjanien, ancien ami de Kédia vivant actuellement à Paris et faisant des affaires avec le groupe Saradjoglou en Turquie.

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